

Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, line 2, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Prior Art~~ Background of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 3-5 as follows:

The invention is based on a drive shaft for a windshield wiper as
~~generically defined by the preamble to claim 1.~~

On page 3, line 14, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Advantages~~ Summary of the Invention

On page 4, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 11-19 as
follows:

For the assembly casting, the connection part is placed on the base body, and the adjoining gap is filled by injection of liquid zinc, magnesium, lead, tin, or a suitable alloy. A ~~[*]~~ An adapter piece of zinc or a suitable material can be disposed between the base body and the connection part and can penetrate the base body or connection part. The ~~[*]~~ adapter piece is expediently also seated on a longitudinally fluted, conical protrusion of the base body and itself has a fluted cone for receiving the connection part.

On page 4, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 20-27 as
follows:

The drive shaft, comprising a base body, optionally a ~~[*]~~ an adapter piece and the connection part, can, without substantial additional cost, have one or more longitudinal conduits, through which washing fluid can be carried to spray nozzles, which can be disposed in or on a wiper arm, not otherwise shown. The longitudinal conduits can also receive heating lines for heating up the washing fluid.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 28 and continuing to page 5, line 4 as follows:

To make the connection part with a central bore simple in design, it is expedient to provide the ~~[*]~~ adapter piece of zinc with longitudinal conduits and extend it through the connection part. The ~~[*]~~ adapter piece can have an outward-pointing head, to which conduits leading onward can easily be connected.

On page 5, line 15, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 6, line 2, please amend the heading as follows:

Detailed Description of the Exemplary Preferred Embodiments

On page 6, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 7-16 as follows:

The base body 14 is made from an extruded light metal profile and has two longitudinal conduits 38 and a conical protrusion 26, which can have longitudinal fluting. The connection part for a fastening part of a wiper arm can be placed on the conical protrusion 26 either directly or indirectly via the adapter piece and joined to the base body by means of adhesive bonding, welding, pressing, or assembly casting. The adapter piece 28 rests with its collar 30 on a shoulder 34 32 of the base body 14.

On page 10, please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

~~The invention is based on a~~ A windshield wiper includes a drive shaft (10)
~~for a windshield wiper , to which shaft a crank (12) is fastened. It is proposed~~
~~that a~~ A base body (14) of the drive shaft (10) is made from an extruded light
metal profile and on its free end, in the region of a fastening part, carries a
connection part (16, 22) of a harder material, which has a screw thread (18).

~~(Fig. 1)~~